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For SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claim:

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2. A method of gathering information on the use of a control signal at a

- receiver station, said receiver station having a plurality of inputs, a processor, and a
- 3 controlled device, said receiver station transferring said gathered information to a
- 4 remote station, said method comprising the steps of:

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identifying a control signal;

- 6 searching for said control signal identified in said step of identifying in an input
- 7 data stream;